23. Lalitpur
24. Maharajganj
25. Mahoba
26. Mirzapur
27. Pratapgrah
28. Raebareli
29. Sant Kabir Nagar
30. Shravasti
31. Siddharthanagar
32. Sitapur
33. Sonebhadra
34. Unnao

Computerisation of Panchayats

3318. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to provide adequate funds for computerisation of panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the strategic importance of computerisation at the Gram Panchayat level, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj had constituted an Expert Group in June, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Director General, National Informatics Centre to assess the current and future Information Technology (IT) programmes of the Ministry, to recommend on the most cost-effective technologies for reaching IT to the Gram Panchayats, the use of IT for effectively building capacities of Panchayati Raj Institutions through distance learning, and cost implications of the recommendations. The Expert Group has estimated the project cost to the tune of Rs. 6700 crores and a time-line of three years. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is in the process of finalizing the scheme for the approval of Government. The actual cost of the project will be known once the scheme is finalized and approved.

Necessity of sanction to continue departmental enquiry

†3319. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has held that sanction of Governor is not necessary to continue departmental enquiry against public servant;

(b) if so, the details of such cases which are pending due to the sanction not accorded by the Governor, State-wise; and

(c) the details of proceedings of departmental enquiry against Central Government and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.